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Apology coming to aboriginals adopted into white families

FIRST OF ITS KIND

Province to make amends for the 1960s Scoop initiative

Manitoba is set to apologize to aboriginals who were taken from their parents decades ago and adopted into non-aboriginal families.

The apology, thought to be the first by a Canadian province, is directed at individuals from the so-called '60s Scoop, which many see as an extension of Indian residential schools policy.

Premier Greg Selinger said the apology, expected next week, will acknowledge damage done to those taken from their homes and their culture. Manitoba was one of the provinces most affected, so it is appropriate that it be among the first to apologize, he said.

"It's an acknowledgment that they did lose contact with their families, their language, their culture," Selinger told The Canadian Press. "That was an important loss in their life and it needs to be acknowledged. It's part of the healing process."

> **"It's an acknowledgment that they did lose contact with their families, their language, their culture.**
> Premier Greg Selinger

Adoptees have been calling for a federal apology and many want compensation for their experience, which they say was as traumatic as that suffered by residential school survivors.

Selinger said he hopes the apology prompts the federal government to say it's sorry.

From the 1960s to the 1980s, thousands of aboriginal children were taken from their homes by child-welfare services and placed with non-aboriginal families, some in the United States.

Manitoba has organized gatherings of adoptees to share their stories and helped bring the idea of compensation, counselling and repatriation to premiers last year.

Residential school survivors have had a formal apology from Ottawa and were able to speak at hearings held by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, which released its summary final report last week. But '60s Scoop adoptees haven't been formally recognized.

David Chartrand was taken from his Manitoba family when he was five and moved to Minnesota, where he said he was placed with a family that treated him like a "slave" and a "punching bag."

When he returned to his home community of Camperville, Man., in his 20s, he said he had nothing.

An apology is the least a government can do for those who feel like "forgotten people," he suggested.

"It brings recognition that there was an injustice done to us. I was hoping this would be the federal government that would do this."

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WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

Family camps their way through Cup

Michael Hemphill had big plans for his family when he bought a used pop-up camper back in February.

And he now says the memories he and his family are making in that camper on their Women's World Cup journey through Canada have been "priceless."

Michael, along with his wife Julia and their three daughters travelled to Manitoba all the way from Elliston, Va., pulling a small camper, because they decided to follow the U.S Women's National Soccer Team during the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup.

They plan to keep following the team no matter which Canadian cities they end up playing in, despite having almost no camping experience.

"We have only camped one weekend before this, and now we're living in this camper for a month," said Michael.

Michael has also started a blog where people can follow the family on their travels.

"I think people have enjoyed following our journey, and we're not sugarcoating things. We're talking about what it's like for five people to live together in a camper."

The family has spent this week at the campsite at Birds Hill Park, and so far are enjoying everything about camping in Manitoba.

"This park has been fabulous and the lake and the scenery have been fabulous," said Michael.

They are also impressed with Investors Group Field.

"It's easily the nicest-looking stadium and the most interesting stadium I have ever been in. I really like the look and I love the roof," said Michael. "And it was such a great atmosphere for both games on Monday."

The family said they had to take a month off from their jobs and the kids' school to do the trip. To follow the family's travels, go to worldcupsoccerdad.wordpress.com.

DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Meg, Emily, Naomi, Julia and Michael Hemphill hang out by their pop-up camper on Thursday at Birds Hill Park, as the girls get ready to play a little soccer. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

A screenshot of a bus in St. James that one man says consistently rolls the stop sign. COURTESY WILLY UNGER

Video shows school bus rolling through stop

SAFETY

Local father says it's not the first time

Dave Baxter
Metro | Winnipeg

A Winnipeg man was fed up with a school bus in his area consistently blowing through a stop sign, so on Thursday he took out a camera.

Willy Unger, who lives in the Buchanan neighbourhood in the St. James Ward said for the entire school year, at 8:45 a.m. each school day, he has watched a school bus roll right through a stop sign at the corner of Isbister Street and Fairlane Avenue.

"Usually my kids want to walk to school, and if I walk at the right time, there is a bus I see that never stops at that stop sign," said Unger.

"If it was a one-time thing, I wouldn't worry about it, but this keeps happening."

Unger pulled out his phone Thursday morning around 8:45 a.m. and shot a video of the bus slightly slowing down and then driving right through the stop sign.

> **There is a bus I see that never stops at that stop sign.**
> Willy Unger

"He slowed down a bit and then just kept going," said Unger.

He stressed that he has no proof that it is the same bus driver every time, and doesn't know which school or school division the bus is associated with, or if kids were on the bus when he shot the video.

He said he believes bus drivers should be the most cautious drivers because they are transporting people's children, and should be aware of the danger it poses for other drivers and pedestrians.

"Everyone on the road needs to follow the rules and stop at stop signs."

Phone calls and an email to Vital Transit Services Ltd. General Manager Stuart Paull were not returned by press deadline. The company's name can be seen on the side of the bus.

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Mayor Brian Bowman and Municipal Government Minister Drew Caldwell announced proposed changes the City of Winnipeg Charter Act that aim to strengthen accountability and transparency at city hall. SHANE GIBSON/METRO WINNIPEG

Changes don't go far enough: Councillor

LEGISLATION

Modifications to Charter Act announced by mayor, minister

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Changes to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act proposed by the province Thursday — meant to strengthen accountability and transparency at city hall — are a good start, but aren't enough, according to a councillor who's been calling for change for years.

The proposed legislation would extend whistleblower protection to municipal employees in Winnipeg and pave the way for city hall to develop a code of conduct for councillors and new policies governing land transactions and business contracts.

But after the changes were announced by Mayor Brian Bowman and Municipal Government Minister Drew Caldwell, Coun. Jenny Gerbasi told media what the city really needs is an ethics commissioner with powers granted under the act to create sanctions and conduct investigations.

"I think (the province) is now accepting that we need to take further steps to have an ethics commissioner with teeth… but it's not here today yet," said Gerbasi.

> **This is a historic step forward**
> Minister Drew Caldwell

Gerbasi and other councillors have been calling on the province to make the changes to the act to allow for an ethics commissioner in the shadow of damning audits into cost overruns and mismanagement of the fire hall land swap, the police headquarter deal and other city land deals. Those audits are now part of an ongoing RCMP investigation into how the deals were being made at city hall.

Minister Drew Caldwell said there "will be further work in the future" between the city and the province with the aim of further improving transparency but stopped short of saying whether or not that work may lead to the creation of an ethics commissioner.

"This is a historic step forward," he told reporters. "We've established a code of conduct by which the ethics of council can be judged ... (and) I'm of the view that the ethics commissioner is every single voter."

RECOMMENDATIONS

Child advocates say more change needed

The Manitoba government is moving to implement some recommendations from an inquiry into the province's troubled child-welfare system, but the children's advocate says the changes don't go far enough.

Family Services Minister Kerri Irvin-Ross introduced a bill Wednesday that would make the children's advocate more independent from government with more authority to issue public reports on cases where the system failed to protect children.

But she pushed back other key recommendations that include giving the advocate authority to act on behalf of kids who are not in provincial care but who need help with education, justice or other government services.

"We need to ensure that we are consulting with the health professionals, as well as the teachers and as well as the folks in justice," she said.

The Office of the Children's Advocate said it was not pleased with the delay.

"The new act introduced today makes small provisions for our office to provide some information to the public, but still comes with many restrictions on what we can say and when we can say it," read a written statement.

The recommendations were made 18 months ago following an inquiry about Phoenix Sinclair, a five-year old girl who was beaten to death after social workers closed her file.

Sinclair had frequently fallen through the cracks of child welfare. Social workers failed to realize she and her mother had moved in with a man with a long history of violence and domestic assault.

Phoenix died in 2005 and her killing went undetected for nine months, while the family continued to collect welfare payments with the girl listed as a dependent. The inquiry report from retired judge Ted Hughes recommended sweeping changes and called on the Manitoba government to grant more powers to the Office of the Children's Advocate, which has been under the Family Services Department.

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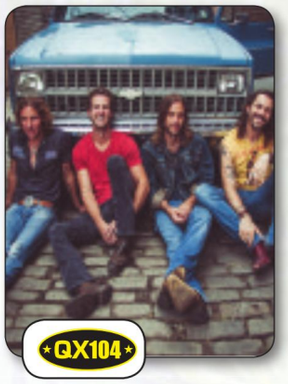

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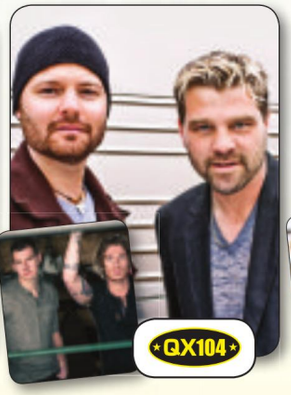

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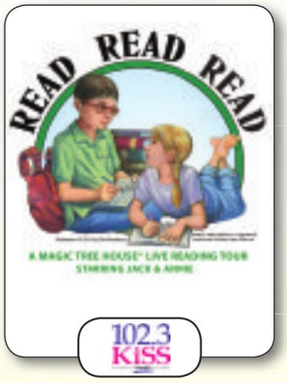

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Thinking thrifty

Jay Van Deventer still kicks himself for hesitating and losing out on that $2 Nintendo Entertainment System all those years ago — which is why he wants to help others get ready for CKUW 95.9's annual month-long event, Garageland. **Kenton Smith/For Metro**

As the event enters its 10th year, Van Deventer has some advice for summer garage-salers: when you see something you like, pounce by asking the price — it may be a steal beyond your imagining.

"I love the experience of finding treasures," he said.

Garageland unfolds every weekend this month, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the University of Winnipeg's campus and community station, with volunteer roaming reporters providing live tips, tricks and leads on the city's decluttering blowouts.

"If you can't find things online, you can sometimes find them at garage sales," said former CKUW volunteer coordinator Kent Davies, who's hosted almost every year and does so again June 20th.

Besides, "Kijiji takes the fun out of things," he said.

Perhaps it's also the Winnipeg ethos of frugality that inspires affectionate repeat participation. Van Deventer himself is producing for the third time in 2015 and has been a reporter on six other occasions.

For a record collector like Davies, it's a great way to discover vinyl gems.

"It's a logical extension of what community radio can be, because it's participatory," he said. "You're getting to know your neighbours and helping them out."

Even getting drenched in a downpour this past weekend was worth it for Davies, who scored the Tom Waits-featured soundtrack for the film One from the Heart for a buck.

"It's always fun — even when it rains," he said.

Some top finds of past CKUW Garagelands:

1 Nintendo games

A trove of 8-bit NES games from the '80s for mere quarters each

2 Naughty magazines

One man's collection of Playboy, apparently from the '60s straight through the '80s

3 For music lovers

A functioning keyboard and tape deck for $3 and $2, respectively

4 Serious foodies only

A 1968 book of disgusting hot dog recipes for 25 cents — and "worth every penny," Davies declares

5 Toys from the past

A Fisher-Price Record purchased for $3 that Van Deventer says he uses in his classroom to help teach French to kids aged 5-17

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Guard slashed in robbery

NEECHI COMMONS

Two men face charges after assault on security guard

Shane Gibson
Metro | Winnipeg

Two men are facing charges in connection to a violent robbery at Neechi Commons Wednesday that saw an employee of the North End grocery store slashed with a knife.

Police were called to Neechi Commons at 865 Main Street around 2:30 p.m. after a 41-year-old security guard was assaulted and slashed by two male suspects.

Police said the security guard was escorting the two men out after one was caught stealing. Both men fled the scene.

The security guard was rushed to hospital in unstable condition, but has since been upgraded to stable.

A violent robbery Wednesday at the North End grocery store at Neechi Commons has resulted in charges being laid against two men, police say. DAVE BAXTER/METRO

Police flooded the area and found both suspects in the 200 block of Austin Street North a short time later.

In a statement, Neechi Commons president Louise Champagne said it was the first time any of the business's locations had seen violence in their 25 years.

"The area around Neechi Commons is known to have a lot of social problems related to poverty and historic damage to Indigenous economies which can sometimes lead to desperate measures," she said.

"We have planted ourselves here in the heart of it to inspire change. Neechi is helping to rebuild economic opportunities and create pride in our community and change perceptions. Change will not come without some effort, but it will come."

> **Change will not come without some effort.**
> Louise Champagne, Neechi Commons

Gregory Keshane, 30, of Winnipeg, is charged with theft under $5,000, assault with a weapon, two counts of possession of a weapon and failing to comply with the conditions of a recognizance.

Joshua Goosehead, 25, of Winnipeg, is charged with assault causing bodily harm, failing to comply with the conditions of a recognizance and failing to comply with a probation order.

Both men have been remanded in custody.

IN BRIEF

Lone man suspected in string of robberies: Police

Police say a lone suspect is responsible for multiple robberies at gas stations and convenience stores across the city over the last few days.

Investigators from the Major Crimes Unit are looking for a male suspect after a gas bar in the 400 block of Academy Road was hit twice and two convenience stores, one in the 3500 block of Roblin Boulevard and another in the 1800 block of Wellington Avenue, were held up overnight Wednesday and Thursday.

Police say in all the robberies, a suspect hiding his face with a bandana confronted staff before making off with merchandise.

The suspect is five feet five inches tall, 150 to 160 lbs. and in his 30s with short brown hair.

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LITERACY

City sets new vision for library services

The City of Winnipeg says it wants to make sure libraries remain relevant in our digital world.

To that end, after consultations with more than 5,200 citizens, the city has decided to set nine "strategic goals" to accomplish over the next five years.

They include supporting early literacy skills in young children through increased investment in materials, services and programs for families, childcare providers and educators, as well as providing excellent customer service.

They also include investing in more programs that advance digital literacy, ensure all library branches are welcoming and accessible destinations, select material that reflects the diverse needs of the community, develop stronger relationships with Indigenous peoples and newcomers, and provide opportunities for older adults to meet, learn and contribute.

It also plans to expand the impact of the library beyond its physical branches through community outreach and digital services, and extend libraries' operating hours for enhanced convenience and accessibility.

The city expects to implement its vision over the next five-year period, said Rick Walker, manager of library services.

"We heard about the need for improved hours, expanded online resources, more leisure and study space and new collaborative learning spaces, and will be taking all of these ideas into consideration going forward to ensure libraries remain vital hubs in our communities," he said. METRO

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Larry Fisher at the Yorkton, Sask., court house on Nov. 21, 1999.
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Fisher dies in prison

MILGAARD CASE

Killer behind wrongful conviction dead at 65

The man responsible for a 1969 murder in Saskatchewan that put an innocent Winnipeg man, David Milgaard, behind bars for more than two decades has died in prison.

Larry Fisher died on Tuesday while serving a life sentence for rape and murder at the Pacific Institution in Abbotsford, B.C., said Correctional Service Canada. He was 65.

"It's not an unexpected death," said Samantha Cater, a prison spokeswoman. "There's nothing suggesting any foul play."

Milgaard was a teenager when he was wrongfully convicted of killing Saskatoon nursing aide Gail Miller and spent 23 years in prison trying to prove his innocence.

The Supreme Court of Canada eventually quashed Milgaard's conviction in 1992, with the emergence of new DNA evidence linking Fisher with the murder.

Fisher was convicted of the crime eight years later and sentenced to life.

When contacted, Milgaard's sister, Susan Milgaard, said the family had discussed the matter and decided not to comment.

Milgaard's lawyer Hersh Wolch said in an interview that he had cross-examined Fisher on two occasions.

"My impression was that he was pure evil," said Wolch. "I mean, the horrific things he did to people, and topping that off with letting David languish in jail for all those years put him on the upper level of evil people.

"One doesn't like to speak ill of the dead, (but) it's certainly impossible to speak good."

Wolch said the Milgaard case became a symbol for what can go wrong when police have "tunnel vision" and showed that a conviction doesn't necessarily mean someone is guilty.

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IN BRIEF

Province, opposition reach deal on legislature sittings

The Manitoba legislature is to sit more often under a new agreement between the NDP government and the opposition parties.

The legislature is to reconvene for brief sittings in October and February — months that have traditionally been part of seasonal breaks.

The Opposition Progressive Conservatives have been pressing for longer sittings, saying the normal 10 to 15 weeks a year are not enough to properly debate the budget and legislation.

The agreement also helps the government by limiting some of the delay tactics that the opposition has used in recent years.

The agreement clears the way for the government to pass its budget and dozens of bills that were pushed back by a late start this year.

The spring sitting was supposed to wrap up today, but as part of the deal will go on until June 30. The legislature will then break until October.

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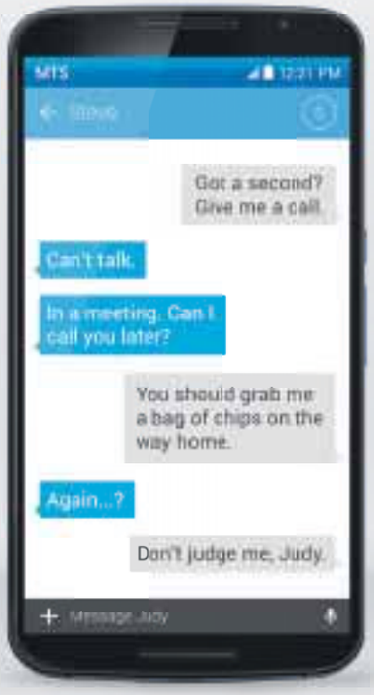
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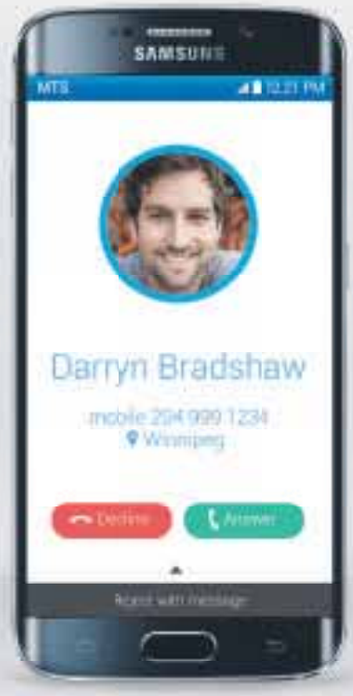

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Solomon wanted to sue partner for not paying up: Documents

MEDIA

Ex-CBC host argued he was owed a million for one art deal

Former CBC host Evan Solomon was contemplating suing his art collector partner in February for not paying in full a $1-million commission he believed he was owed.

"I do expect to be paid the full balance owing in accordance to our agreement and as reflected in my invoice," Solomon wrote in an email to art collector Bruce Bailey. If the money did not arrive by March 1, Solomon said, "I will have no choice but to explore legal recourses available to me."

Solomon was fired this week from his two CBC hosting jobs after Torstar News Service reported he was taking secret commission payments on art sales to people he dealt with as a journalist.

Leading up to February, Solomon and Bailey had a solid partnership. Bailey, the wealthy collector from Port Hope, Ont., had the art. Solomon, host of Power and Politics on television and The House on CBC Radio, had the growing circle of powerful contacts.

Emails between them show a giddiness about the future.

"Wow. The first sale! Well, how cool is this? The partnership is on the way. Well done Bruce," Solomon wrote on Oct. 31, 2013, shortly after the first art sale to RIM founder Jim Balsillie. The art was a modestly priced piece on which Solomon received $1,500 in commission.

As Torstar previously reported, Solomon had sought out Balsillie to interview him as a journalist. On their first meeting, Solomon brought along Bailey. Balsillie, who went on to buy numerous art pieces from Bailey, has said he never knew Solomon was part of the deals — and receiving a commission.

Former CBC host Evan Solomon is seen in this handout photo. COURTESY CBC

"You and I need to raise a glass to toast a good first year of work! It's been fun!" Solomon wrote a year later, in December 2014, after a $22,500 sale of a painting was finalized to Mark Carney, now governor of the Bank of England and former governor of the Bank of Canada. Solomon took a 10 per cent commission on the sale. Carney has not said whether he knew Solomon was receiving a payment.

> **The terms of my settlement with Mr. Bailey are confidential and I therefore cannot comment on them.**
>
> Evan Solomon, when asked by Torstar for further comment on the settlement

"I think Mark will open doors to other buyers," Solomon wrote to Bailey.

For most of the partnership, the value of the artwork had been modest relative to what would be their final deal, a multi-million-dollar painting. Solomon's commissions for the first year, according to documents and emails, totalled under $100,000. According to their contract, signed in 2013, Solomon was entitled to a 10 per cent commission on sales.

The biggest deal, which came earlier this year, concerned a painting by Peter Doig, a Scottish artist who spent most of his early years in Canada and now lives in Trinidad. Doig's paintings have been rising in value and by March this year one would sell for almost $26 million U.S. at an auction in New York.

The sale of a Doig promised to be profitable for both Solomon and Bailey. By January 2015, Solomon had already lost part of his income. That month, the CBC banned its hosts from receiving money for public speaking and hosting gigs. Solomon was a popular choice as a speaker for big organizations. CBC's public disclosure records show that Solomon previously received speaker's fees, but spokesman Chuck Thompson would not release the amounts Solomon received above his CBC salary.

With the Doig sale done, how much Solomon would be paid became an issue between the partners.

According to emails and documents, Bailey contended he and Solomon had struck a verbal agreement to alter their written contract so that on art worth more than $500,000 he would pay Solomon a lower commission.

From Bailey's point of view, according to sources, that reflected the fact that while Solomon provided the introduction to Balsillie in 2013, he did little or nothing else to earn a brokerage fee on any of the transactions.

When Balsillie purchased the Doig from Bailey, emails show that Bailey wanted to pay Solomon a $200,000 fee as a "finder's fee," not a 10 per cent commission.

On February 19, Solomon sent an invoice from Four T Productions, a company run out of his Ottawa home, telling Bailey he was entitled to a payment of more than $1 million, an amount that included a 10 per cent commission on the total value of the sale, plus HST, which Solomon was collecting.

Solomon had by this time received $100,000, though he would later receive a total of $200,000. (The Doig sold for a price "in the millions," but Balsillie has not revealed the exact price).

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SETTLEMENT

When Bruce Bailey received Evan Solomon's invoice, saying Solomon was entitled to payment of over $1 million, Bailey wrote back to Solomon. "I was deeply shocked to receive your invoice," he began, adding: "you agreed on the phone to take $200,000 finder's fee on this one time transaction to make the deal happen."

Solomon wrote back: "We have always functioned according to our initial contract." Solomon went on to say that he hoped they would continue to have a productive partnership. However, Solomon warned, he would take legal action if not paid the additional amount he was owed.

"Let's not go down this route and hurt a very good and productive relationship," Solomon concluded.

Between those emails and early June, Bailey and Solomon, with the help of legal counsel, worked on a settlement.

Both sides contemplated legal action. According to sources, Solomon settled for the $200,000 and the partnership was ended earlier this month.

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Senate aims to block release of details about residency

Just days after the Speaker of the Senate pledged allegiance to transparency and accountability, the upper chamber's lawyers appeared in court Thursday to block the release of a potentially embarrassing internal document.

Pushing back are lawyers for suspended Sen. Mike Duffy and a group of Canadian media outlets. Duffy's trial paused briefly Thursday so the judge could hear arguments over whether the document should be released.

The contentious document is a never-before-seen internal audit conducted in early 2013 by senior Senate official Jill Ann Joseph after questions began to emerge about Duffy and other senators claiming living expenses for homes in Ottawa.

Joseph, who had been reviewing the residency status of senators, found a lack of criteria for establishing residency.

The Senate said the secret audit should not be released because of parliamentary privilege.

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PRIVILEGE

Media lawyer Peter Jacobsen said the court should introduce a new wrinkle in that test of necessity — the public interest and the accountability of public institutions.

Parliamentary privilege is about giving legislators freedom and not about keeping things secret, he said.

Pan Am execs get big bucks

TO2015 GAMES

Committee to divvy up $5.7M for bonus pay

The upcoming Pan Am Games in Toronto are still proving to be a windfall for dozens of executives involved in planning what's billed as the largest multi-sport event ever held in Canada.

While the bonus pool for executives on the TO2015 Games' organizing committee has been reduced from $7 million to $5.7 million, it's being split among fewer executives — 53 instead of 64.

Pan Am Games CEO Saad Rafi said he made some organizational changes that reduced the number of executives eligible for bonuses after he took over from Ian Troop, who got a $534,000 severance package when he left amid complaints about expenses.

Rafi said many of the officials with TO2015 travel from one large-scale sporting competition to another, and the so-called "completion incentives" are offered by organizers of most major events to keep staff from leaving early.

Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne hands a symbolic key over to athlete Dante Richards-Kwok and Saad Rafi, CEO of the Toronto 2015 organizing committee, at an event Feb. 20.

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"They take place in a staggered way around the world, and 40 per cent of our staff are people who go from games to games," Rafi said in an interview. "If you lose these people, you lose a lot of experience that goes with them."

Pan Am executives paid as much as $250,000 are eligible for bonuses of up to 100 per cent of their annual pay when the Games are over — half for staying on the job and half conditional upon performance.

Progressive Conservative Pan Am critic Todd Smith called the bonuses "incredibly generous," adding he hopes some of them are denied, or at least reduced, because some of the venues, such as the soccer stadium in Hamilton, were not completed on schedule.

> **If you lose these people, you lose a lot of experience that goes with them.**
>
> Pan Am Games CEO Saad Rafi

NDP Pan Am critic Paul Miller called the completion incentives "way overboard," and said he wasn't impressed by the $1.3-million cut in the executive bonus pool.

"That's like going from a 100-foot yacht to an 80-foot yacht," said Miller. "It's absolutely crazy."

Rafi, who is on secondment from his job as a deputy minister with the Ontario government, will be eligible for a bonus equal to his annual salary of $428,000 if the Games come in on schedule and on budget.

The original $1.44-billion budget for the Games doesn't include the $700-million cost of building the athletes' village or $10 million for the provincial Pan Am secretariat.

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HOUSE OF COMMONS

Tough new rules proposed

Members of Parliament would have to disclose more about gifts they receive and the sponsored trips they take under new recommendations from a House of Commons committee.

The committee on procedure and House affairs is calling for a tightening of the conflict of interest code for MPs to increase transparency — suggestions that come amid intense scrutiny of questionable spending by senators.

Federal conflict of interest and ethics commissioner Mary Dawson carries out confidential investigations of complaints against MPs alleged to have breached the code.

The code prohibits MPs from accepting gifts unless they are routine expressions of hospitality or protocol.

Even then, any acceptable gift worth more than $500 must be publicly disclosed — a value the committee recommends be dropped to $200.

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Co-pilot who crashed jet feared blindness: Inquiry

GERMANWINGS

Some doctors felt Lubitz was unfit to fly, says prosecution

Fearing he was going blind, the co-pilot who slammed a Germanwings jet into the Alps took sick days at work, upped his dosage of an antidepressant and reached out to doctors, but they didn't tell his employer they thought he was unfit to fly because of German privacy laws, a French prosecutor said Thursday.

Marseille prosecutor Brice Robin presented new details of his criminal investigation into the case after meeting in Paris with many grieving relatives of the 150 people who died on the Germanwings flight co-piloted by Andreas Lubitz.

The March 24 crash, blamed on Lubitz, has put a spotlight on possible mental health issues involving flight crews.

Robin announced he was handing over his initial inquiry to three investigating magistrates who will try to determine who — if anyone — can be brought to trial in an involuntary manslaughter case in which the main culprit died in the crash.

The news came as families have just started to receive the remains of their loved ones for burials in the coming days.

The investigation so far "has enabled us to confirm without a shadow of a doubt ... Mr. Andreas Lubitz deliberately destroyed the plane and deliberately killed 150 people, including himself," Robin told reporters.

Investigators say Lubitz locked the pilot out of the cockpit and flew the plane into a French mountainside after having researched suicide methods and cockpit door rules, and practised an unusual descent.

In a new development, Robin said information from Lubitz's tablet PC showed he had also investigated vision problems, and "feared going blind," which would have ended the 27-year-old's aviation career.

Lubitz, who had a history of depression, had seven medical appointments in the month before the crash, including three with a psychiatrist, and had taken eight sick days off work, Robin said. Some of the doctors felt Lubitz was psychologically unstable, and some felt he was unfit to fly, but "unfortunately that information was not reported because of medical secrecy requirements," the prosecutor said.

Robin said that Lubitz sent an email to one doctor just two weeks before the crash, saying he had doubled his dose of an antidepressant he was taking in a failed attempt to end near-sleepless nights as a result of worries about his vision. Robin said it wasn't yet clear if the vision woes were real or imagined, but Lubitz clearly felt it was threatening his career.

"He even said to some of those close to him that given this vision loss, life no longer had meaning," Robin said.

In the last five years, Robin said Lubitz consulted with 41 different doctors.

In a March 10 email to a doctor, Lubitz had indicated he could only sleep two hours a night and wanted urgent help, Robin said. Lubitz specified he was taking Mirtazapine, an antidepressant, and had even doubled the dosage from 15 to 30 milligrams in a failed bid to improve his sleep, and his fear of going blind continued, the prosecutor added.

Investigators were going over Lubitz's remains to determine whether he had taken any medications the day of the flight.

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Prosecutor Brice Robin in a meeting with media, after the families of Germanwings plane crash victims met with authorities in Paris on Thursday. JACQUES BRINON/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BACKGROUND

In Germany, doctors risk prison if they disclose information about their patients to anyone unless there is evidence they intend to commit a serious crime or harm themselves. Lubitz had told his doctors not to share information among each other about his condition, Robin said.

TERRORISM

Ex-Gitmo prisoner barred from plane

A former Guantanamo inmate who was invited to address a conference on youth radicalization in Montreal says he was prevented from boarding a flight in France because the aircraft would fly through U.S. airspace.

Mourad Benchellali, who addresses youth groups in Europe in a bid to dissuade them from joining the Islamic State or other groups waging holy war in Syria and Iraq, was not allowed to board the Air Transat flight from Lyon to Montreal.

Air Transat said because the flight flies through U.S. airspace its personnel had to apply the provisions of a U.S. security program known as Secure Flight — a program that checks passengers against the U.S. No Fly list.

Benchellali, 33, who was released from the U.S. naval base at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, in July 2004, said in a telephone interview he was unaware he was on the U.S. list.

He has flown to other destinations in Europe and beyond, but this was the first time he planned a trans-Atlantic flight.

Benchellali was to attend a conference on peace and another on the phenomenon of radicalization of Western youth who have headed by the thousands to Syria.

Conference organizers expressed shock that their guest was banned from his flight.

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"I wasn't going on vacation. I was going for prevention."
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Corinne Maleski speaks about her brother, Keith Broomfield, as father Thomas Broomfield listens, in Bolton, Mass.
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Body of U.S. man returned

SYRIA

Broomfield was fighting alongside Kurdish forces

The body of an American who died fighting with Kurdish forces against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL) group in Syria was handed over on Thursday to his family at a Turkish border crossing, a Kurdish official said.

Hundreds of people turned up in the Kurdish town of Kobani to bid farewell to Keith Broomfield before his body was handed over to family at the Mursitpinar gate, said Idriss Naasan.

Broomfield, from Massachusetts, died on June 3 in battle in a Syrian village near Kobani, making him likely the first U.S. citizen to die fighting alongside Kurds against ISIL.

He had joined the People's Protection Units, known as the YPG, on Feb. 24 under the nom de guerre Gelhat Rumet. The YPG is the main Kurdish guerrilla group battling ISIL in Syria.

The U.S. Department of State confirmed Broomfield's death Wednesday but declined to provide any details about the circumstances.

It was not immediately clear who from Broomfield's family was there to receive his body.

Kurds in Turkey lined the road, waving flags and applauding as the convoy carrying the body drove by.

Family members spoke to the media on Thursday outside their manufacturing business in Bolton, Mass. They said they hope his body will be brought back to the U.S. on Saturday.

Broomfield's older brother, Andy, said he was shocked when his brother first told him about his plans but eventually understood his decision.

"He believed in opposing evil," he said. "Somebody needs to stand up and oppose evil."

His father, Tom Broomfield, said Keith Broomfield went to Syria with no contacts and knew it was "a crazy thing to do" but felt strongly that he needed to help in some way.

> **He believed in opposing evil.**
> Andy Broomfield, brother

"He just felt he should be going," Tom Broomfield said.

The fight against ISIL has attracted dozens of Westerners, including Iraq war veterans who have made their way back to the Middle East to join Kurdish fighters, who have been most successful against the extremist group.

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SYRIA

CF-18s launch third strike mission

Two Canadian fighter-bombers have carried out the country's third airstrike against the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant in Syria.

Defence Minister Jason Kenney said the mission took place Tuesday near the eastern city of Al Hasakah, a hotly contested area where forces loyal to Syrian President Bashar Assad recently made minor gains.

The official news agency in Kuwait reported earlier this week that Syrian regular army troops had recaptured a youth prison and a village south of the embattled community after fierce fighting with extremists.

The agency, quoting the independent Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, said as many as 20 Syrian soldiers and pro-government militia were killed in the lead-up to the capture.

Kenney said the Canadian jets used a precision-guided bomb to destroy an Islamic State compound.

It has been weeks since the Canadian military has held an operations briefing — or answered any questions about the war.

The last time was in the aftermath of a report into the friendly-fire death of a special-forces soldier, Sgt. Andrew Doiron, which found his shooting by Kurdish fighters to be a tragic case of mistaken identity.

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FIFA top spokesman makes a hasty exit

SOCCER

Official quits after lawmakers urge Blatter to do the same

FIFA's top spokesman left his job on Thursday, hours after Sepp Blatter was urged to do the same by the European Parliament.

FIFA responded by announcing that its executive committee will meet on July 20 in Zurich to decide when the election to determine Blatter's successor should be held.

That meeting will also discuss how to reform FIFA after American and Swiss corruption investigations unleashed turmoil on the organization two weeks ago.

The latest upheaval saw communications director Walter De Gregorio, closely tied to the embattled president since 2011, abruptly exiting FIFA three days after telling a joke about soccer's governing body on a TV talk show.

Still, Blatter praised FIFA's handling of the ongoing corruption crisis in the organization's in-house magazine.

"FIFA is going through difficult times," Blatter said in an excerpt of his column released on Thursday.

"This makes me all the more proud that our organization runs smoothly in a crisis."

Blatter appeared to be referring to the smooth-running Under-20 and Women's World Cups in New Zealand and Canada.

On Monday, De Gregorio was a guest of host Roger Schawinski on German-language station SRF. Schawinski closed the show by asking the former sports and politics journalist to tell his favourite joke about FIFA.

De Gregorio set up the punchline by saying the FIFA president, himself and secretary general Jerome Valcke were in a car, so who was driving?

After a pause for the host to comment, De Gregorio gave the answer: "The police."

Earlier, lawmakers from 28 European nations meeting in Strasbourg, France, voted on a resolution calling for Blatter to speed up his announced resignation and let FIFA appoint an interim leader.

"FIFA is perplexed by the European Parliament's resolution," said the Zurich-based soccer body.

FIFA is not obliged to heed the parliament.

De Gregorio defended FIFA at a May 27 news conference called hours after the governing body's headquarters were raided by Swiss police, and seven soccer officials were arrested at a luxury Zurich hotel.

Then, the Swiss spokesman said it had been "a good day" for FIFA, which he said was committed to fighting corruption.

De Gregorio joined FIFA after working on Blatter's campaign team during the 2011 presidential election.

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> **FIFA is going through difficult times ... our organization runs smoothly in a crisis.**
> Sepp Blatter's column

FIFA spokesman Walter De Gregorio, who resigned Thursday, gives a press conference in Zurich last month. AFP/GETTY IMAGES

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CRIME

Woman gets prison term for fatal buttocks injections

A former madam who performed illegal "body sculpting" was sentenced Thursday to 10 to 20 years in prison after the death of a dancer whose heart stopped after nearly half a gallon of silicone was injected into her buttocks.

Padge-Victoria Windslowe told jurors during her spring murder trial that clients call her "the Michelangelo of buttocks injections."

But prosecutors say she had no medical training and used deadly products on vulnerable women, including fellow members of the transgender community who wanted curves.

> **You don't believe you must follow the rules.**
> Judge DeFino-Nastasi

"I don't think you're evil," Philadelphia Common Pleas Judge Rose Marie DeFino-Nastasi told the defendant. "You don't believe that you must follow the rules of society."

The judge was especially troubled that Windslowe resumed the illegal injections after Claudia Aderotimi died in 2011.

Aderotimi, a 20-year-old college student and competitive dancer from London, and a friend had flown in to Philadelphia for $1,800 "touch-ups" with Windslowe.

Windslowe was convicted of third-degree murder along with aggravated assault for the stripper's injuries.

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INHERITANCE

Homeless man gets $9,500 back

A relieved South Florida homeless man has been reunited with an inheritance of nearly $10,000 in cash, stuffed into two envelopes, which he'd accidentally left on a bus bench.

A Broward County sheriff's deputy and a Good Samaritan found the cash and authorities were able to track the man down and return the money days later, the South Florida Sun Sentinel reports.

A relative had left the man nearly $12,000. Detective Danny Mursell said the man is being identified only by his first name, Joe, for his protection.

On June 1, the man withdrew nearly $10,000 from a bank account and went shopping, deputies said.

Mursell said Joe mistakenly left two plastic bags of merchandise along with the two envelopes full of cash on a bench at Lauderdale-by-the-Sea.

Early on June 4, John Harbett said he was on volunteer beach patrol looking for turtle hatchlings when he spotted an envelope containing $3,900 at the bus stop nearby.

A short time later, Deputy Ben Koos saw the bags of merchandise and found a second envelope with $5,600 inside.

Investigators found a receipt from a clothing store, got a surveillance picture of "Joe" from the store and tracked him down. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Microbeads gone by 2018

LOBLAW

Controversial substances to vanish from PC, Life brands

Loblaw Cos. Ltd. promises that within three and a half years, microbeads and two potentially harmful chemicals will be eliminated from its cosmetic and household products — a move that environmentalists say has the company compensating for regulatory shortfalls of the federal government.

The chain, owner of various grocery and Shoppers Drug Mart stores across the country, announced Thursday that it aims to remove triclosan and phthalates, along with microbeads from all of its Life Brand and President's Choice products by the end of 2018.

Loblaw president Galen Weston said the decision was made as "emerging science and public opinion suggest a measured move away from some specific ingredients is prudent."

All three ingredients have faced increasing global scrutiny for their impact on the environment and possible negative effects on humans.

Triclosan is found in antibacterial soaps and body washes, toothpaste and some cosmetic products and is thought to contribute to antibiotic resistance.

Phthalates are a family of chemicals used to add fragrance to products that include body lotions and nail polishes, and to make plastics more flexible. There are concerns they may interfere with the body's endocrine and reproduction systems.

Microbeads are bits of plastic commonly used in facial and body scrubs but are so tiny they can't be filtered out by water-treatment systems and end up in lakes and rivers where they wind up killing fish who confuse them with food.

Loblaw Co. Executive President and Chairman Galen Weston speaks at the company's annual general meeting in Toronto on Thursday. Despite their pledge, microbeads, triclosan and phthalates will still be found in products by Neutrogena and Johnson and Johson, the latter having pledged to remove all three substances by the end of 2017. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Environmental groups have urged Ottawa to classify microbeads as a "toxic substance" under the Environmental Protection Act, which would make it possible for the federal government to control their use or ban them altogether.

The government said in March that it was studying the dangers posed to wildlife and the environment by the plastic microbeads but has yet to offer any conclusions.

Federal government representatives did not immediately respond to requests for an update on the study.

While Loblaw says it could take three and a half years to phase out the ingredients completely, work has already begun and products with the chemicals and microbeads will diminish month by month, spokesman Kevin Groh said in an email.

"Our long-term deadline respects the task this will represent for our vendors. But, if our ambition is any indicator, 2018 is a conservative target," he said.

"In other words, we hope that the list of PC and Life products with these ingredients will be very short, very soon."

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NEW YORK CITY

Apple opens '20s-inspired store

To create the newest Apple store to sell iPhones, smartwatches and other modern gadgetry, Apple took a look back at the 1920s.

The new store on New York's Upper East Side — opening Saturday — occupies part of a Beaux Arts building that originally housed the U.S. Mortgage & Trust bank. Apple sought to restore some of the building's old grandeur by reproducing the original chandeliers seen in old photographs, restoring marble floors and pilasters and turning a bank vault into a VIP showroom.

It's all part of Apple's effort to keep its stores distinct — not just from other retailers but from each other.

And as Apple looks to open new stores or renovate existing ones — including the iconic New York Fifth Avenue store, with its distinctive glass-cube entrance — the company will look for additional ways to do that.

"It's no different than [how] every customer downloads different apps and customizes their phones differently," said Angela Ahrendts, the senior vice-president who oversees the company's retail and online stores.

Many retailers keep their stores uniform so you can recognize them when visiting a new city or country. Even if you don't see its logo, you can often tell a McDonald's is a McDonald's from its distinctly sloped roof.

Apple has generic stores, too, such as ones in shopping malls. Many of Apple's larger stores in major cities make heavy use of glass, giving them a modern, open feel.

Although designing stores individually costs more, there's payoff in "a level of excitement, engagement and interest from consumers," said Michael Stephenson, associate strategy director at Fitch, a branding and design consultancy.

Upper East Side will be Apple's 266th store in the U.S. and seventh in New York City, a key market for Apple because it gets twice as much traffic as stores in other U.S. cities.

The store is about half the size of most other Apple stores and is designed primarily for local residents and businesses needing a repair or training, Ahrendts said.

"The cube works brilliantly on Fifth Avenue and has been one of the most iconic sites," she said.

"But that works there. That wouldn't work everywhere."

The Fifth Avenue store, which draws tourists from around the world, will temporarily move soon to another iconic space — the F.A.O. Schwarz toy store that Tom Hanks made famous in the movie Big.

THE BIG APPLE'S NEW LOCATION

Company reproduces the grandeur of the past

Apple's new store on New York's Upper East Side sports a marble entrance and no sign from the exterior that it's associated with the company — save for a black flag with its logo flying from the former bank's old flagpole.

The store itself is small, but has tall ceilings that make the layout appear spacious. The entryway, stairs and other parts of the architecture are made of Botticino marble — also used at New York's Grand Central and Penn stations.

Hanging from the ceiling are six metal chandeliers that were reproduced to match the fixtures shown in photographs of the original interior. Finally, what was formerly the bank's vault has been converted into a VIP showroom. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Amazon.ca launches new online clothing section

Amazon.ca wants shoppers to say "Yes" to the dress, along with the shoes and the jacket.

The online retailer launched a new section on its Canadian website Thursday devoted to clothing and shoes for men and women. It's the latest move by the Seattle-based retailer to grab a bigger share of the Canadian consumer dollar as it bulks up offerings that already include a wide array of non-perishable grocery items, electronics and housewares.

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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON COMEDY AND COLLEGES

Anyone who thinks political correctness hasn't bettered society is retar— really dumb.

I'd like to clarify that the following opinions are those of one white, heterosexual, cisgendered, female comedian who triple-checked her privilege before writing this piece.

During an ESPN Radio interview this week, Jerry Seinfeld shared his view that college crowds are too politically correct to enjoy standup, and when asked if PC culture was hurting comedy, he answered, "Yes, it does." The Internet got so angry it almost seemed like calling people politically correct was, in itself, politically incorrect.

He sounded like a cranky old man who was out of touch. Not for having those thoughts — I'm a standup comic and I have thoughts like that all the time — but for telling people you have those thoughts! Just do like I do: smile and nod and pretend to know what intersectional feminism is.

But yeah, PC buzz-kills can really bring a show down.

Doing standup is hard. You need humour, logic, timing and instinct and you're juggling all those things at once. Throwing political correctness into the mix might make you juggle faster or concentrate harder, but it shouldn't make you drop everything.

I once started a joke by saying, "You know when you're living with a guy ..." and a woman from the audience yelled out, "No, because I live with a woman." I can only assume her point was: don't presume that your heterosexual experience represents everyone in this room. The thing is, I wasn't assuming the entire crowd was heterosexual — I was assuming that most of the crowd had at one time or another cohabited with another human. Do I have to start every sentence with, "You know when you're living with a man or a woman or a dog or a finger puppet?"

This woman was annoying because she was looking to take issue with something I said, as if she were an eggshell just waiting to be stepped on: "Ha! You broke me!"

And to Seinfeld's point, I feel like there may be more of those people around these days. Does political correctness hurt comedy? No, people hurt comedy.

I have to remind myself that when I first started doing standup in the year 2000, I'd frequently hear audience members whisper, "Oh no, a woman" when I got on stage.

Thanks to political correctness, I never hear that today, and if I did I could probably get the person who uttered it fired from their job! Ha ha… no, seriously.

Anyone who thinks that political correctness hasn't bettered society is probably retar— really dumb.

That said, could everyone chill the eff out? Like, a little?

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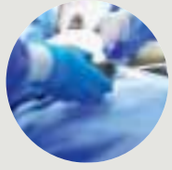
Happy face/Sad face

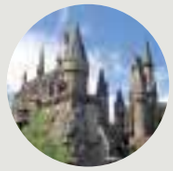
From **the camel family** to **Santa scandals**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week

Twin victories for Haiti babies

The first conjoined siblings ever successfully separated in Haiti left the hospital this week. A team led by Haiti-born surgeon Dr. Henri Ford performed the highly risky procedure on six-month-old sisters Marian and Michelle Dave-Nouche, who were born joined at the abdomen. Ford has been returning to Haiti from the U.S. regularly since the 2010 earthquake. The girls are triplets. Their sister Tamar was not conjoined.

SOURCE: HUFFINGTON POST





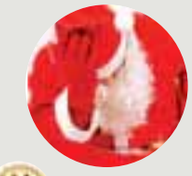
Oh say, can you see, a wizarding school

Harry Potter author J.K. Rowling revealed on Twitter this week that a 2016 spinoff movie, titled Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them, will feature a wizarding school on this side of the pond. The three magical academies in the Harry Potter novels are all located in Europe. The new school, whose location is TBA, will feature "indigenous magic" as an important subject, Rowling said.

SOURCE: CBC.CA

Canadian camels crack DNA mystery

Buried in the Yukon frost, locked in some ancient DNA, was the key that would rearrange the camel family tree. For decades, scientists thought ice-age camels found in Klondike gold fields were most related to llamas. But new genetic results from fossils near Dawson City confirm they were actually much more like the Asian camels of today. SOURCE: CBC.CA



Ho, ho, out of control

Even Santa doesn't travel as fast as a lie. In 2013, Robert and Iwona Woch dressed up as Santa and his helper in Ustrzyki Dolne, Poland. Their horse, spooked, crashed their carriage and threw them onto the street. A news agency stole a social-media photo, added fake quotes, and soon the Daily Mail and others ran it with headlines like, "DUI in a sleigh? Santa's ... drunken ride." The Wochs — just now speaking out — say their reputations are ruined. SOURCE: BUZZFEED

ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

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Most Canadians have a handful of journalists they trust

Well, thanks for nothing, Evan.

There were Amanda Lang, Peter Mansbridge, Rex Murphy, Leslie Roberts and, on a whole different level, Jian Ghomeshi.

And if Canadians were looking for another reason not to trust journalists — maybe CBC celebrities in particular — you gave it to them.

But while disappointing, your grossly unethical art dealing isn't as nearly upsetting to me as if it had been committed by, say, the likes of Anna-Maria Tremonti.

She represents, far more than you, the journalism that most of us strive for.

That journalism, for the record, is dogged (like the pursuit of Rob Ford) and selfless (like reporting from an Ebola-hit country).

It's about conveying as honest a reflection as we can gather of the world as it is, and guarding against our biases. It's about direct questions, and demanding full answers, the way you hear interviewers ask the same question over and over until they get an explanation.

It's about, increasingly, patience when trying to pry information from governments via Access to Information requests. It's about offering a platform to the most voiceless among us, as Maclean's did last week for indigenous women to speak about sexual assault.

It's about curiosity for every aspect of this bizarre world, from the impacts of technology to the future of food cultivation, from the collisions of religious and racial groups in our communities to the mindset of ISIL leaders.

It is about reporters who develop sources to get a story, not make friends. It's about reporters who respect and, when necessary, protect sources, not tap them for business deals (many reporters won't even let you buy them a cup of coffee).

In case there's any confusion, it's about scrutinizing power brokers on the Hill, not asking them to dinner. (In fact, some political reporters won't even attend the Press Gallery dinner or other swanky Ottawa parties to avoid even the suggestion of cosying up to the people they report on.)

It's true, we're not ranked highly by Canadians, only 63 per cent of whom respected us in 2012 (up, surprisingly, from 49 per cent in 2008).

CBC News editor-in-chief Jennifer McGuire is worried "that any ethical lapse reflects badly on the entire profession."

But I believe most Canadians have at least a handful of journalists they very much trust and who they would never confuse for you, Evan Solomon.

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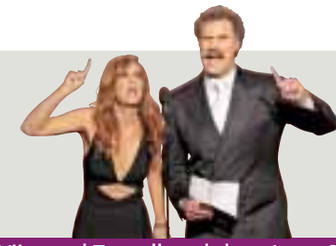

Lifetime movie starring Wiig and Ferrell to debut June 20

Pratt serves up Hollywood hits

STARDOM

From waiting tables at Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. to stardom

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse

As Dave Edmunds once warbled, "From small things, baby, big things one day come."

In Hollywood right now no one is bigger than Chris Pratt. His films Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie were two of the top five grossing hits of last year and Jurassic World is pegged to light up the box office with an estimated $100 million take this weekend.

Esquire has declared him "awesome" and The Guardian noted "there's a lot of love for Chris Pratt right now." He has momentum, the kind of Hollywood heat that gets your name mentioned as the lead in every big movie, including the proposed reboot of Indiana Jones. In fact, some label him the next Harrison Ford.

The hype swirling around the affable 35-year-old actor places him at the top of the Hollywood ladder, but it certainly wasn't always that way. A scan of the early credits on IMDB does not point toward superstardom.

Guest spots on the short-lived bounty hunter series The Huntress and a third lead in the so-little-seen-it-doesn't-even-have-a-Rotten-Tomatoes-rating action film The Extreme Team seem positively high profile compared to his first credit.

Pratt is a box office boon and Hollywood's leading man. CASEY CURRY/AP

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Jurassic World ★★★★
Me and Earl and the Dying Girl ★★★★
Slow West ★★★

HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★ SEE IT
★★★ WORTHWHILE
★★ UP TO YOU
★ SKIP IT

Pratt was working as a waiter at the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. restaurant in Maui when actress Rae Dawn Chong came in for lunch.

She happened to be in the midst of casting Cursed Part 3, a short horror satire about a director who tries to convince his actors and crew not to flee when a mysterious killer visits the set.

Pratt stars in Jurassic World, a surefire summer hit that's estimated to gross $100 million in its opening weekend. CONTRIBUTED

Pratt was living with a group of friends in a van, doing standup comedy and community theatre when he approached the Quest for Fire star.

As Pratt recalls: "I said, 'I know you. You're a movie star, right?' She said, 'You're cute. Do you act?'"

Chong thought he'd be a good fit for the part of "a beautiful kid to play the Brat, an actor who complains out loud about having to make out with an older actor, played by Donna Mills."

The film was set to roll in five days and after a quick audition, Chong offered Pratt a plane ticket to California and the role of Devon.

"I had far more confidence than capability at the time," he says, "but I knew I could do it."

Shot next door to Michael Jackson's Neverland Ranch, Cursed Part 3 isn't much of a movie, but Pratt made $700 for his debut, money he invested in a car so he could drive to auditions.

"I went from waiting tables in Maui to waiting tables in Beverly Hills," he says of Cursed Part 3, "but with a little bit of movie experience under my belt."

The film was a stepping stone to bigger and better jobs, including the role that made him a star, Pawnee City Hall shoe-shiner Andy Dwyer on Parks and Recreation.

Movie stardom was harder to come by. Losing blockbuster roles like Avatar's Jake Sully and Captain James Kirk of the rebooted Star Trek was discouraging, but he was determined to act.

"People have to work," he says. "I just don't want it to be at a restaurant."

With big-budget movies on the way like the proposed sci-fi adventure Passengers with Jennifer Lawrence and an all-star remake of The Magnificent Seven, it doesn't look like he'll have to dust off the Bubba Gump Shrimp Co. uniform again any time soon.

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Teenaged life on the big screen

RJ Cyler, left, as Earl and Thomas Mann as Greg in the coming-of-age comedy Me and Earl and the Dying Girl. CONTRIBUTED

SUNDANCE-WINNING COMEDY

Me and Earl and the Dying Girl explores lighter side of heavy topic

Steve Gow
For Metro

When actor Thomas Mann first read the script for the Sundance award-winning comedy Me and Earl and the Dying Girl, he immediately knew he wanted the part. But of course, that only meant it was probably a long shot.

"It's weird — it's almost better to not care as much," said the rising star recently in Toronto.

"I have better auditions when I'm just throwing it away or less passionate about them. The ones I really, really want — I overthink them."

Lucky for Mann, he had "this instinctual thing" with the character of Greg Gaines — an introverted high school student whose social activity is mainly consumed with videotaping parodies of obscure movies with his pal Earl. That is, until he's forced to befriend a girl stricken with leukemia.

> **It's a funny movie dealing with a very serious subject. My favourite movies always carry this wide range of emotions.**
> Thomas Mann

"I never saw it as a cancer movie," admitted Mann. "I approached it as a coming-of-age-movie but one that didn't treat teenagers any more special or less special than they were. They don't say the right thing and it kind of embraced the selfishness and stubbornness of teenagers."

It marks a definite break from stereotypical portrayals of teenaged life on the big screen.

Unlike his best-known role as a youth eager to obtain popularity by hosting a huge bash in the hit 2012 found-footage teen comedy Project X, Mann's character in Me and Earl is unabashedly anti-social — satisfied to go unnoticed in school.

"I think that's more relatable to a lot of teenagers," said Mann.

"Teenagers today are very self-aware and everything is at your fingertips, you have all this information so you can choose to do with it what you want. For some people, it's overwhelming and they just find their comfort zone and stay there."

Mann is clearly not satisfied with remaining in his comfort zone. Having filmed 10 projects in the past year, the 23-year-old actor will be heading right back to work alongside Charlize Theron in July on the medical thriller Brain on Fire — a role he's particularly excited to portray.

"It's much more grown-up than any other character I've played," explained Mann.

"I'm in my 20s playing someone in my 20s. I've played 17 for the past six years so this is my quintessential coming-of-age movie and I have to graduate. I just can't go back to high school."

BEGINNER'S LUCK

My name is Earl: RJ Cyler makes film debut in Sundance hit

Making movies has been completely ruined for newcomer RJ Cyler. His very first feature, Me and Earl and the Dying Girl — he plays Earl — went on to win the Grand Jury Prize and the Audience Award at Sundance, where it had its world premiere. But they can't all be like that, right?

This is your first movie, and it won Sundance.
I literally didn't know what Sundance was, I didn't know that movies went to film festivals. I thought you shot a movie, it came out in theatres or ended up on Netflix. Or just didn't come out at all. So then when they told me about Sundance and I read up about it, I was like, "Holy crap." And then we made it into Sundance, that was good enough for me. Then all the rest is just the icing on the cake to make it much sweeter, it was so good.

Did they warn you that they don't all do that?
I was like, "Man, we didn't have to set the bar so high." I can't go back to Sundance again with another movie and get the same experience, OK? They have literally ruined Sundance for RJ. How dare you?

What surprised you about making a film for the first time?
Alfonso's camera angles, oh my goodness. To walk into a room and see a camera hanging from the ceiling? Yeah, that took RJ to another place. I don't know what all this dolly work is and contraptions that they're building on set and tracks and stuff. It was just a lot.

How much of Earl as a character was on the page, and how much did you add?
Really, Earl and RJ are the same people. It's just that Earl is more controlled and mature, in a sense. I have a lot of childishness that I put in my everyday life, because I don't like to grow up too fast, you know? That's my acting technique, being able to tap into my inner child.

And you've got other stuff going on besides acting.
Yeah, I'm still DJing. I really want to DJ at a big party. If I could DJ at Ultra or something, it would blow my mind. I still play the drums and the piano, too. I'm trying to get more musically inclined. I just want to find the right teacher. I want Jamie Foxx to teach me. I love the way he approaches music.

Have you called him to ask for lessons?
I haven't. I left a few Instagram comments. "I don't know if you're looking for, you know, a protégé. I promise I would not make your name look bad. I could be Little Jamie if you're Big Jamie." He didn't respond, he has too many followers. I've got to figure out another way.

NED EHRBAR/METRO IN HOLLYWOOD

Olivia Cooke and RJ Cyler on set of Me and Earl and the Dying Girl. CONTRIBUTED

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN

Jurassic Park and My Dinner with Andre released in the same week. How is a girl to choose?

Who would've thought? My Dinner with Andre and Jurassic World — together! Finally!

The Criterion Collection Blu-Ray of My Dinner with Andre is released on June 16 and Jurassic World, starring Chris Pratt, hits theatres on June 12.

How is a girl to choose?

The 1981 Louis Malle-directed film starring Wallace Shawn and Andre Gregory may have been the most boring movie I'd ever seen as a teenager. But my dad would invite me to watch it with him almost annually.

Finally, in my mid-20s, it clicked. Now I make a point of revisiting Wally and Andre as they converse about the stuff of life — love, death, money, career — over the course of an Upper West Side restaurant dinner, starting with potato soup for Wally and fish pâté for Andre, followed by quail with raisins for both.

Jurassic Park, however, was love at first sight when I saw it in 1993. There were repeat viewings on VHS but one in particular stands out above the rest.

It was with a group of fellow McMaster students.

One woman, foreshadowing the director's DVD commentary, insisted on narrating the film.

Near the end she pointed out that a velociraptor couldn't open a door.

"No s—, Sherlock," I quietly whispered. "It's a movie. About dinosaurs living among us."

My partner Simon was only 10 years old when Jurassic Park came out. To him, it's quintessential Steven Spielberg, like Jaws, E.T., and Raiders of the Lost Ark are for me.

The result is that he still knows the lines. Every line, which I found out the other night when we watched it during a dinner of peppers stuffed with ground beef, rice, garlic and tomatoes and topped with Parmesan and fresh basil.

He also provided commentary, including: "Why aren't we eating mastodon steaks right now? Or at least mammoth burgers."

None of it — including the 15 times he paused the movie to say a line before a character did — compared to the woman who couldn't suspend her disbelief long enough to enjoy what is still a fantastic film.

"Things don't affect people the way they used to," laments Andre to his old friend over dinner. "I mean it may very well be that 10 years from now people will pay $10,000 in cash to be castrated just in order to be affected by something."

Eating my peppers, 24 years after their meal of words, I'm pleased that Andre's prediction remains unrealized. The art of storytelling, whether it's the "wonderfully odd" My Dinner with Andre or a Hollywood reboot of a much-beloved franchise, still deeply affects us.

The rest, as my dad likes to say, is just Buicks and grocery bills.

THE MOVIE:
Jurassic Park

THE MEAL:
Stuffed Peppers

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

BACK TO TV

Bradley Cooper returns to small screen as producer

Hollywood star Bradley Cooper is teaming with Graham King, producer of Argo, and Todd Phillips, of The Hangover trilogy, to bring Dan Simmons's Hyperion to SyFy as a major event series.

Set on the eve of Armageddon with an entire galaxy at war, Hyperion, published in 1989, is the story of seven pilgrims who embark on a voyage to seek the answers to the riddles of their lives. Each carries a desperate hope and a terrible secret, while one may hold the fate of humanity in his hands.

A novel that invites reflection on the nature of man and his soul within the context of a 28th century world, Hyperion is the first installment in a four-volume saga called The Hyperion Cantos. In it, Dan Simmons creates a beautiful futuristic world filled with eccentric characters that will have no trouble filling out a television series.

AFP

Bradley Cooper. GETTY IMAGES

CHRIS PRATT PLAYS FRANCHISE BINGO

Chris Pratt already has Jurassic World, Guardians of the Galaxy and The Lego Movie to keep him busy, but what if we could plug him into any number of other franchises? We let Pratt decide where he'd fit in best across the Hollywood universe. NED EHRBAR

1

Star Wars

"I would be, like, a disgruntled Stormtrooper who's always had a strong belief and faith in the Empire, like grew up a patriot of the Empire and now sees that the Empire is run by bad guys. I think that would be an interesting take on it."

2

The Fast and the Furious

"I would play an auto mechanic who is the first one to be able to fix computers in new cars the way people used to be able to fix carburetors in old cars. Like I could tune them all by ear. You don't have to plug anything in. I could fix a computer with just a soldering iron and a stethoscope.

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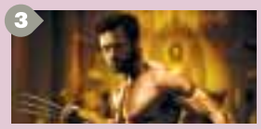

X-Men

"I would be a man whose special skill is his skull is made of adamantium, but the rest of his body is just normal, so he, like, head-butts things as a parlour trick but is essentially pretty useless when it comes to fighting. I wear body armour, but no helmet. His mutant name would be Numbskull."

4

James Bond

"I would be James Bond, but with an Essex accent. I would be like a super-campy Essex James Bond who's just a piece of s—. Just trashy. He just sucks at his f—ing job."

5

Star Trek

"I guess I'd have to be Captain Kirk's son, Kirk Kirk. Kirk Cameron Kirk."

6

Twilight

"I would play a version of Frankenstein who's completely incapable — just like Frankenstein — of any real feelings of emotion or amorous love, but still has a ton of really intense sex scenes."

"The motorcycle gets all the credit," laughs Pratt when asked about the cool quotient of his dino-battling character in Jurassic World. CONTRIBUTED

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'We want to see predators eat'

INTERVIEW

Hollywood's leading man does battle with dinos in Jurassic World

Ned Ehrbar
Metro | Life

By now you've probably seen the trailers and ads teasing how the character Chris Pratt plays in Jurassic World has been training deadly velociraptors to follow his commands.

Well it turns out that in real life, Pratt would go for something a lot smaller and less deadly if he were going to have a pet dinosaur.

If you were to actually have a dinosaur of your own, which one would it be?
I'd probably want something that wouldn't kill me. And it would have to be small. Maybe in The Lost World, those ones that are like little rats? The little tiny guys? One of those, maybe two. That's what I'd want.

The only lingering question I had, which comes from the first movie, is why would you bring back raptors in the first place?
I was a collector of reptiles as a kid. I had frill-necked lizards, I had bearded dragons, I had iguanas, a savannah monitor, I had several snakes.

I was big into it, all the way up until I was about 25 or something like that, I collected reptiles. And my favourite part was watching them eat. Whether they're eating crickets or whether they're eating mice or rats, I loved that.

It satisfied this urge inside of me, the animal inside of me. I loved watching a lizard eat a mouse. It was thrilling. So that's why they made raptors, because we want to see giant predators eat.

Moustache acting is a very particular type of acting.

How much does that alter your performance, having an impressive 'stache?
So much. Truly, really so much. Just like putting on a wardrobe or holding a prop or having the boots that you're going to run in, when I look in the mirror and I'm seeing this guy with a moustache and a deeper tan than what I normally have, I'm just seeing a different person than who I am.

It doesn't necessarily inform me how I'm going to be in terms of my soul, but it's a mask and it's a costume. If you're wearing a mask it's much easier for you to lower your inhibitions and not care about how people are perceiving you because they're not really looking at you.

On a similar level, your character is very cool, but how much of that do you think is just because of the motorcycle?
The motorcycle gets all the credit (laughs). There's certainly a part of that. It's a nice motorcycle, it's a really great motorcycle.

Breaking into the Wolfpack

INTERVIEW

Doc follows six brothers who lived childhood through movies

Steve Gow
For Metro

The Angulo brothers, from left, Narayana, Govinda, Jagadisa, Bhagavan, Mukunda and Krsna in The Wolfpack. Inset: Director Crystal Moselle. COURTESY MAGNOLIA PICTURES; INSET: CONTRIBUTED

Every once in a while, a film comes along that proves truth is stranger than fiction.

The Wolfpack is one of those movies. Shot over four years by director Crystal Moselle, the Grand Jury Prize winner at this year's Sundance Film Festival follows six brothers who grew up in a tiny Manhattan apartment that their father forbade them to leave. There, the siblings were socialized solely through Hollywood movies — which they soon began recreating word by word.

Metro caught up with Moselle to find out how she broke into the wolfpack and discovered the incredible story.

You met the Angulo brothers on the street but how soon did they open up about their quarantined upbringing?
They were pretty open (but) I'm a very optimistic, open person so I wasn't really looking for darkness. There was nothing that alarmed me once I got into their house. They just had this all this incredible art everywhere and it took about a year and a half before I started interviewing them (and one of them) revealed some stuff that started to peel away the layers.

Why did you take such a neutral approach with regards to their father?
I don't believe there's a good and evil. There's many shades to somebody. He might not outright say it, but I know that he feels some remorse for what happened in the past. I feel like there's a lot of room for people to read into what's happening and I don't have to straight-out say it.

What did you think when you first saw the brothers' film recreations?
They told me, "We do that movie JFK," and I was like, what does that even mean? When I first met them, they were (re-enacting) Platoon inside the fountain in Washington Square Park. They were in all their clothes and going crazy. The thing is, they didn't film that many of their re-enactments. It was really just this process of becoming these characters and living through them.

Well, they are certainly good actors.
They are amazing. I mean, their method is funny because they have to relive scenes exactly how it is in movies. If you gave them a script of a movie, they'd be like, 'No, no, it has to be exactly like the movie."

The Wolfpack opens in theatres beginning June 12.

The Angulos re-enacting scenes from movies. INSTAGRAM: THEWOLFPACKFILM

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Jurassic World

Director: Colin Trevorrow
Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

Steven Spielberg returns to executive produce the long-awaited next instalment of his groundbreaking Jurassic Park series, Jurassic World. Colin Trevorrow directs the epic action-adventure based on characters created by Michael Crichton.

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Critics: 70% Audience: 99%

DRAMA

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Director: Claudia Llosa
Starring: Jennifer Connelly, Cillian Murphy

As we follow a mother (Jennifer Connelly) and her son (Cillian Murphy), we delve into a past marred by an accident that tears them apart. She will become a renowned artist and healer, and he will grow into his own as a peculiar falconer who bears the marks of a double absence.

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TRAVEL ALBERTA

1 Dinosaur Provincial Park, Alta.

The motherlode of dinosaur fossils in Canada is in Dinosaur Provincial Park in Alberta's Badlands. This arid landscape of hoodoos was once the shore of the Bearpaw Sea, where ancient creatures thrived. Fossils are so abundant that you can find them virtually everywhere. A trip to the park is best coupled with a visit to the world-class Royal Tyrrell Museum in nearby Drumheller.

KEVIN SHARMAN

2 Tumbler Ridge Global Geopark, B.C.

In 2000, two boys found dinosaur footprints in the rock near this small town in northeastern British Columbia's Peace River district. Their find led to further discoveries of dinosaur bones and footprints. Visitors can sign up for tours to see the trackways and can visit the local museum that houses dinosaur skeletons and displays.

JOGGINS FOSSIL CLIFFS

3 Joggins Fossil Centre, N.S.

The highest tides in the world erode the cliff face along the beach in Joggins, N.S., on the Bay of Fundy, slowly revealing a treasure trove of fossils from the Carboniferous Period. Among the finds are some of the first reptiles to roam the Earth. Visitors can view fossils in the site's museum and tour the beach to see recent finds in the cliff face.

MATHIEU DUPUIS

4 Parc de Miguasha, Que.

Along the southern shore of Quebec's Gaspé Peninsula lies the Parc national de Miguasha. The scenic provincial park preserves a natural heritage site that is rich in fossils from the Devonian Period, a time known as the Age of Fishes. Fossils on display at the impressive visitors' centre include plenty of fearsome-looking fish, but also some of our planet's first plant and air-breathing animals as life moved from water to land.

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5 T-Rex Discovery Centre, Sask.

Scotty is the name of the first Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton unearthed in Saskatchewan. His 65-million-year-old bones and those of other Cretaceous creatures are on display at the T-Rex Discovery Centre in Eastend. This state-of-the-art centre operated by the Royal Saskatchewan Museum also houses a display of fossils from the post-dinosaur period. Visitors can also tour a quarry to see fossils or join day-dig programs.

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Revered valley draws campers

ALBERTA

Hiking, river, rock art await in Badlands park

ON THE MOVE

Loren Christie

Rock carvings tell the Blackfoot people's story. LOREN CHRISTIE

The valley stretches out in Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park, Alta. LOREN CHRISTIE

Alberta's Writing-on-Stone Provincial Park is home to the largest concentration of rock art on the North American Plains and is as sacred to the local Blackfoot tribes as Mecca is to Muslims.

The destination: The park sits on the southern edge of the Canadian Badlands, a 20-minute drive from the border with Montana.

A hike through the hoodoos, rusty-coloured sandstone rock eroded into giant mushrooms, feels otherworldly. Paddling or floating down the Milk River, which runs through the park, offers visitors an incredible view of this revered valley.

But the highlight of any visit is a guided hike. Hundreds of paintings (pictographs) and thousands of rock carvings (petroglyphs) on the steep valley walls tell the story of the Blackfoot people over thousands of years. As a culture that relies on oral tradition to survive, it was fascinating to hear our guide, Deserae Yellow Horn, interpret the scenes played out on the rock faces as told to her by generations of Blackfoot elders and relatives. She also explained the valley is sacred because it is home to the spirits of her ancestors who communicate with those inhabiting the living world through the rock art.

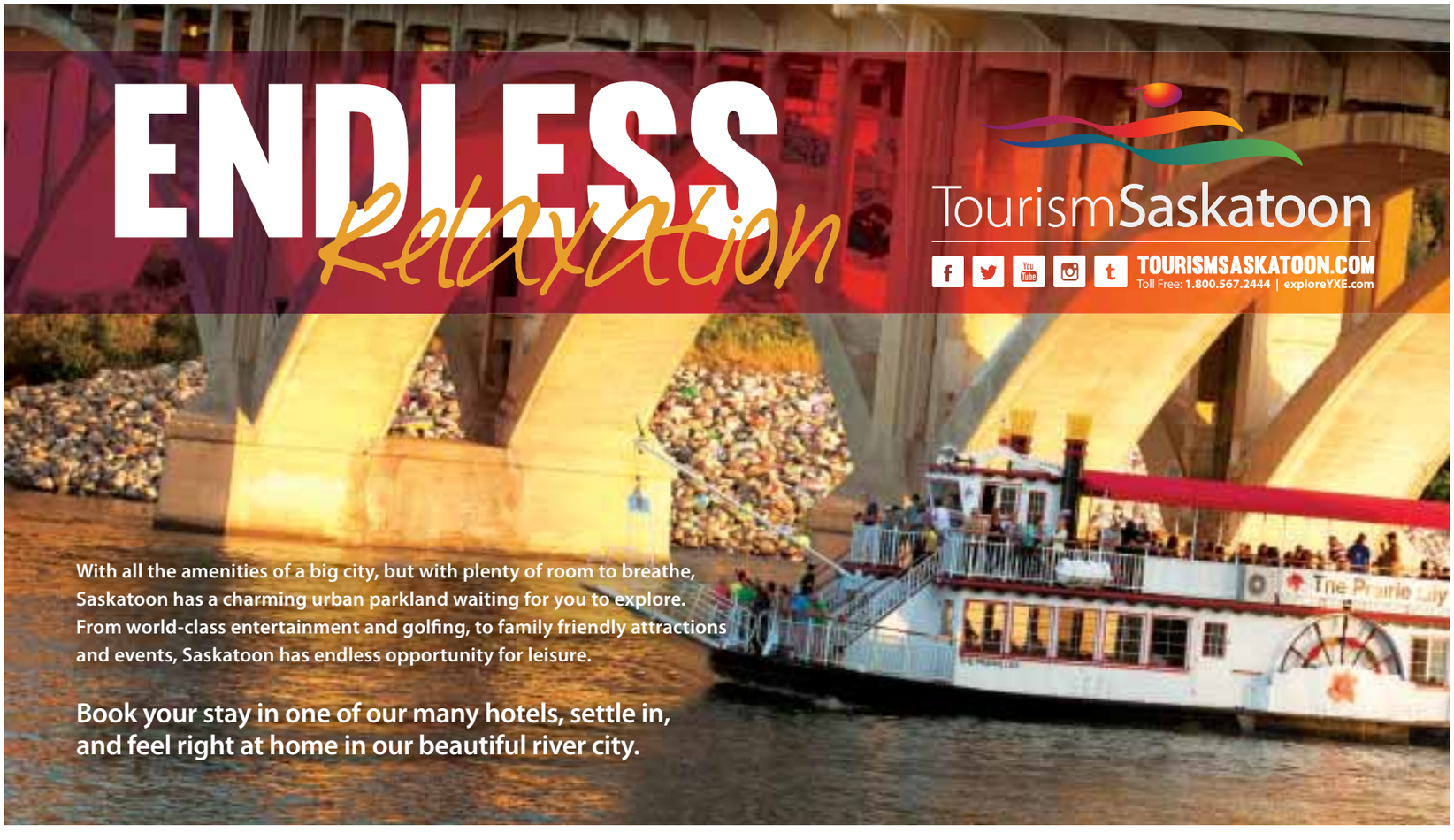
The accommodation: Camping in the park is the only option, but it got a whole lot more comfortable this year with the introduction of three comfort camping sites.

Built on wooden platforms, the canvas-tented structures provide all the necessities of home: a fridge and fan, pots and pans, and a bed with pillows and linens. It's a great option for people who prefer their creature comforts or for travellers who want to incorporate a little outdoors into their vacation without having to lug along all the equipment.

A gas barbeque and fire pit made it easy to throw together a meal of barbecued shrimp kabobs. Watching the sun set over the hoodoos while we ate was an added bonus.

The journey: The park is about a three and a half hour drive south of Calgary, but I recommend a pit stop at the Alberta Birds of Prey Centre in Coaldale. Owned and operated by Colin Weir for the last 25 years, this rehabilitation centre is home to a variety of hawks, owls and even ducks.

In addition to watching a flying demonstration starring Lincoln the bald eagle, visitors are invited to feed, bathe and hold some of the birds. I even managed to share a kiss with a burrowing owl.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Waterloo's bicentennial

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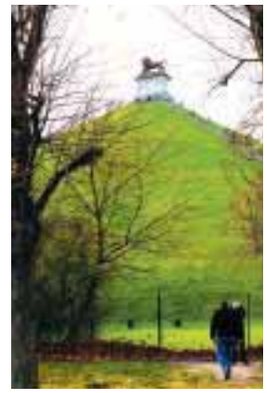
Town prepares to celebrate anniversary of historic battle



La Butte du Lion (The Lion's Mound), the main memorial monument of the Battle of Waterloo. FLICKR: ECKS ECKS

The little Belgian town of Waterloo is feverishly preparing to celebrate the 200th anniversary of one of history's greatest battles, hoping it can reclaim its name from a London railway station and an ABBA song.

Two centuries after it became famous as the place where "Napoleon did surrender" on June 18, the former farming village has become a sleepy suburb 25 kilometres south of the capital Brussels, with a population of 30,000.

But now its shop windows are full of pictures of the French emperor's famous two-horned hats and little Napoleons perched on white stallions, ahead of several days of celebrations this coming week.

After years of relative obscurity there is a feeling that Waterloo is finally facing its fate as a historic tourism draw.

"I've lived in Waterloo for 50 years and I've always known the story of Napoleon," retiree Antoine Delsemme said.

"But all this will attract people, it will make the town better known and that will profit the inhabitants, especially shop owners. That's very good."

While the battle is commonly known as Waterloo, the town itself was only the headquarters of the Duke of Wellington, who led the allied British and Prussian forces.

Most of the actual fighting in fact took place in neighbouring villages.

And it is there, several miles south of Waterloo on the plain of Mont-Saint-Jean, that the busiest preparations are underway for the commemorative events which are expected to draw around 200,000 people, a quarter of them foreigners.

A huge light-and-sound show called Inferno on June 18, and two days of battle re-enactments that follow on June 19 and 20 will take place in a huge bowl-shaped field full of tall grass.

For weeks, workers have been setting up stands that will seat around 50,000 spectators per day — more than the capacity of Belgium's national football stadium — with still more standing.

From the peak from where Wellington led the British troops, it is only a few hundred metres to the Hougoumont and de la Haie-Sainte farms where the allied troops made their most heroic and bloody stands against French forces. Also nearby is the Belle Alliance inn that Napoleon used as his headquarters.

The two colossal re-enactments — which will evoke the heat of a history-changing battle lasting a dozen hours, during which 45,000 people were killed or wounded — will involve 5,500 enthusiasts in period uniforms from 52 countries. Alongside them will be 100 cannon and 360 horses to lend authenticity. AFP

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Rearguards step forward in Conn Smythe picture

STANLEY CUP FINAL

Keith, Hedman emerge as front-runners for playoff MVP

When Jonathan Quick was a brick wall for the Los Angeles Kings in 2012, the Conn Smythe Trophy was undoubtedly his. The same went for the Boston Bruins' Tim Thomas in 2011.

"Thomas was outstanding," said Rick Bowness, an assistant coach for the 2011 Vancouver Canucks. "It was an automatic."

Now Bowness is an associate coach with the Tampa Bay Lightning and there's no automatic Conn Smythe winner in this Stanley Cup final against the Chicago Blackhawks. Goaltenders aren't among the front-runners, and each team's top scorers have been held down in the series.

Victor Hedman and Duncan Keith have been the most dominant players, and this will likely be the first year a defenceman wins the Conn Smythe since Scott Niedermayer in 2007. Only four have won it in the past 20 seasons.

"A lot of it has to do if you're scoring goals or if you're contributing offensively or you're a goaltender and you're preventing goals, I think people see you in a different way," 2002 Conn Smythe winner Nicklas Lidstrom said in a phone interview from Sweden. "When you're defending, you might end up preventing a goal by making a good defensive play.

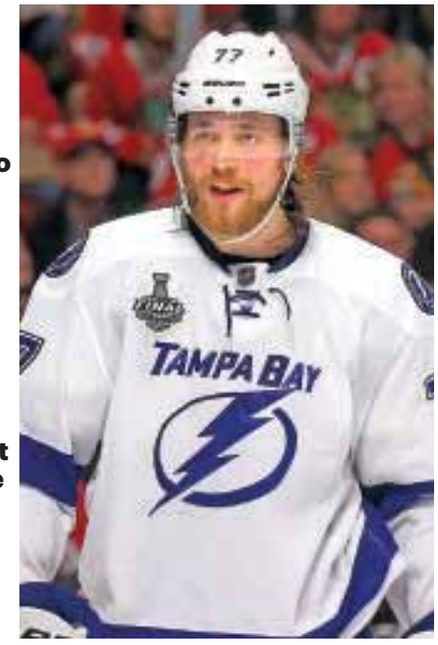
"But goal-scorers or setting up goals, I think you get more recognition than what defence does."

Like Hedman and Keith, Niedermayer, Lidstrom, Scott Stevens and Brian Leetch had to be disproportionate difference-makers to win it. Drew Doughty of the Los Angeles Kings probably had the best case since Niedermayer a year ago, but "Mr. Game 7" Justin Williams got the Conn Smythe.

With the Cup final tied 2-2 going into Game 5 Saturday night, Jonathan Toews is still a strong candidate if the Blackhawks win and Tyler Johnson if the Lightning win. But Keith and Hedman have been so good it would almost be an upset if neither won.

"You don't get to this stage without having elite goaltending, elite defencemen and elite forwards," Bowness said Thursday. "Duncan Keith, I love watching him play.

"Victor Hedman, I've never seen a guy six-foot-six, 230, skate like he does. He's dominant because of his size, his skating ability. He's definitely a No. 1." THE CANADIAN PRESS



The Blackhawks' Duncan Keith, left, and the Lightning's Victor Hedman have arguably been the best players in the championship series. BRUCE BENNETT/GETTY IMAGES

> **The way he skates he looks so lightning fast.**
> The Bruins' Dennis Seidenberg on Duncan Keith

> **He's really elevated his game throughout the course of the playoffs.**
> Matt Carle on teammate Victor Hedman

Players bristle at idea of banning playoff beards

Blackhawks left-winger Brandon Saad looks on as goalie Corey Crawford responds to a question during a news conference on Wednesday night. CHARLES REX ARBOGAST/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Don't ban the beard.

That's the consensus among players at the Stanley Cup final after NBC Sports chairman Mark Lazarus suggested the NHL consider outlawing playoff beards so fans can better recognize faces.

It's a sentiment Don Cherry agrees with even though he knows it won't happen.

"I see the guys holding the Cup up, and then I see them in the summer with his beard off, he makes a lot of sense," Cherry said Wednesday night. "Don't laugh at the guy. It makes sense, but they'll never get rid of the beard."

> **I think it's a great part of the playoffs ... For us hockey players, we don't care about (being recognized).**
> Cedric Paquette

That's perfectly fine with players from the Tampa Bay Lightning and Chicago Blackhawks, many of whom are sporting bushy playoff beards at the Cup final.

Lightning captain Steven Stamkos understands the thinking behind it, but can't support banning the beard.

"It's such a long-lasting tradition," Stamkos said. "Obviously hockey is not one of the more recognizable sports, especially in the States with some of the other pro leagues that they have. But we're gaining interest.

"I don't think guys are going to be willing to change anytime soon." THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Norway draws with top-ranked Germany

Maren Mjelde scored on a free kick in the second half, giving 1995 champion Norway a 1-1 tie against top-ranked Germany on Thursday in the Women's World Cup.

Anja Mittag put two-time champion Germany ahead in the sixth minute with her 37th international goal, chipping past Ingrid Hjelmseth after the goalkeeper failed to control Dzsenifer Marozsan's shot.

Mjelde curled in a free kick from just outside the penalty area in the 61st minute for her 11th international goal.

Both teams are 1-0-1 with four points, and Germany leads Group B on goal difference.

Later in the day, Thailand defeated Ivory Coast 3-2 and China scored in stoppage time to beat the Netherlands 1-0. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Coyotes begin response to city's vote to end lease

The Arizona Coyotes have gone on the offensive in the latest twist to their troubled history with their hometown.

The Coyotes on Thursday began mapping out their response to the Glendale City Council's decision to dissolve an arena lease agreement with the team. It will include a variety of legal manoeuvres, but no immediate plans to relocate the team and certainly no renegotiation of the existing agreement.

City council voted to end a 15-year, $225-million lease agreement with the Coyotes on Wednesday night. At issue was the Coyotes' hiring of Craig Tindall as general counsel. Tindall was directly involved in the lease agreement while still a city attorney. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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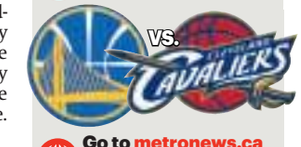

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Willy ready for the big dance

Drew Willy hit the turf on 66 of the 71 sacks allowed by the Blue Bombers last season.
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CFL PRE-SEASON

QB more comfortable in second year with Bombers

There's an online video that shows Drew Willy has bolstered his repertoire of moves — at least off the football field.

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers starting quarterback got married in Rochester, N.Y., in April, and he and his wife Hillary broke out into a choreographed dance during the reception. They were joined by their bridal party.

It was all his wife's idea, Willy explained with a laugh after Winnipeg's practice on Thursday.

"She was a former dancer in her time, and it was something she wanted to do," he said, adding Hillary, a registered dietitian, was a cheerleader for the NFL's Buffalo Bills for one season.

"When she wanted to do it, it's hard to say no to the woman you're marrying. You want to do everything you can on that day to give her whatever she wants."

Some of his buddies were a bit shocked but they went along with it.

"We got a good kick out of it," Willy said. "It went on the Internet. I've gotten a lot of razzing, but a lot of guys said I did a good job."

The video drew some wisecracks, such as Willy needing to be nimble after the Bombers gave up a CFL-high, franchise-record 71 sacks last season.

> **Everyone can count on him and know what he's going to do, know he's going to lead us and make the right plays.**
> Bombers veteran slotback Clarence Denmark

Willy, 28, is feeling a lot more comfortable heading into his second year with the team.

He proved last season he deserved to be the team's starting QB and was given a contract extension that takes him through 2017.

The Bombers finished last year 7-10. Willy completed 63.8 per cent of his passes for 3,769 yards (third most in the league) and threw 14 touchdowns and 16 interceptions.

To help keep him more upright this season, the club has overhauled its offensive line with veterans such as centre Dominic Picard and tackle Stanley Bryant.

"We put a lot of stuff in (the playbook) so far," he said. "I think it's just Year 2, on offence at least, with coach (offensive coordinator Marcel) Bellefeuille we know what we need to accomplish and it's fun to be a part of."

Head coach Mike O'Shea said Willy didn't need to be asked to work on specific things in the off-season because the quarterback already had a plan of attack.

"He's thought about leadership, he's worked out harder, he's studied his plays, he's looked at the film, he's put more thought into his approach to the game," O'Shea said. "He's looked at it all."

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Serving burgers atop kale and mushrooms is a refined change.

Ready in
Prep time: 15 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 lb lean ground beef
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- ¼ cup finely diced onion
- 3 Tbsp bread crumbs
- 3 Tbsp barbecue sauce or ketchup
- 2 oz soft goat cheese
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 1 cup diced onion
- 2 cups diced white mushrooms
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 2 cups chopped leafy kale
- ½ cup diced red bell pepper
- 1 tsp soy sauce
- Salt and pepper

Directions
1. Combine beef, egg, garlic, onion, bread crumbs, barbecue sauce, salt and pepper. Pat into four burgers. Take 1½ oz cheese and divide into four pieces. With your fingers, make a hole in the middle of the burger and stuff with cheese. Cover well. Grill or bake the burgers at 375 F until fully cooked, about 10 minutes.
2. Meanwhile, in a large skillet, add oil and onion and sauté for three minutes. Add mushrooms and garlic and sauté for five minutes until mushrooms are cooked. Add kale and red pepper and sauté until soft, about three minutes. Add soy sauce, salt and pepper.
3. Place sauté on serving plate, top with burgers and garnish with remaining ½ oz goat cheese.

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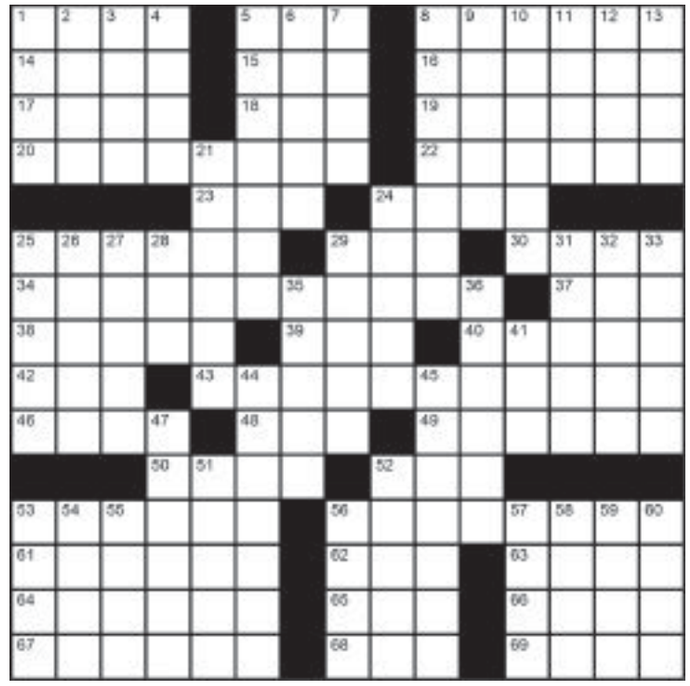

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14. East-of-Toronto town
15. Royal officer, briefly
16. Area
17. Nitpick
18. Toy-made dessert, __-Cone
19. Mr. Campbell of APTN dramedy "Mohawk Girls"
20. Queen's Birthday Parade aka __ the Colour
22. Preconceived notions
23. 'R' in CPR [abbr.]
24. Visionary
25. Singing legend Mr. Robinson
29. Computer's brain [acronym]
30. Spot
34. Lakefronts, country, nature... Canadian channel (also a magazine): 2 wds.
37. 1800s American writer
38. Church member, e.g.
39. Feline
40. Ms. Aguilera, to fans
42. Belonging to Omaha's li'l state
43. __ __ Parade, Whitehall (Where #20-Across takes place in London, England)
46. Old English letters
48. Dog's baby
49. Virtually
50. Mr. Vigoda's
52. O Meridian letters
53. Scottish DJ Mr. Harris
56. "Colin & Justin's Cabin __" (Show on #34-Across)
61. Business patron
62. Popular li'l dog
63. Ripened
64. Makes an attempt: 3 wds.
65. Pre-1868 Tokyo
66. Smelting waste
67. 1966 hit for Eric Burdon & The Animals: "__ __ Rider"
68. TV actress Susan
69. David Pierce link

DOWN
1. Datum
2. Open slightly
3. Edible root
4. Montreal event in '67
5. Display acronym in desktop publishing
6. "__ Lane" by The Beatles
7. Retro synthesizer
8. Jean de __, Jesuit missionary in early Canada
9. Supernatural
10. Shining brightly
11. "Buenos __!"
12. Isolated
13. Terminates
21. Deliver like a Reverend
24. Cattiness
25. Panorama
26. Sulked
27. Range in Quebec, __ Mountains
28. Michael Douglas' leading lady in "The War of the Roses" (1989) ...her initials-sharers
29. Necklace fastener
31. Mr. Agnew, President Nixon's first VP
32. __ Cold Cream
33. Bread-making ingredient
35. Beiges
36. Rejoices
41. Glasgow topper
44. __-__ shoes
45. Nintendo handheld system: 2 wds.
47. Computer file menu option: 2 wds.
51. Overindulge
52. Mark
53. "NCIS: New Orleans" actress Ms. Pounder's
54. Wings: Latin
55. __ Watier (Canadian cosmetics company)
56. Said "Not guilty." in court
57. Cummerbund
58. The __ Duckling
59. Study
60. Boundary

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
Don't get into an open fight with someone who is stronger or better connected than you. The only way to win is to make them think you are not a threat while quietly looking for ways to put your own interests first.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Most of the time you are super confident but something will knock you out of your stride today and make you think you have bitten off more than you can chew. In the greater scheme of things it's no big deal.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You are perfectly within your rights to refuse a request from a friend or employer or colleague. According to the planets you need to avoid anything that might be too physically or mentally demanding over the next day.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
If you use your imagination today and over the weekend you will find ways to make it pay. But don't think of that just in the financial sense — think of ways you can improve all your relationships, at home and at work.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
The only danger now is that you might spend too much on other people. With Neptune, planet of illusion, turning retrograde in the wealth area of your chart you will find that cash has a way of slipping away.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
This is one of the best times of the year for getting along with people, both those you are close to already and those you would like to get close to. A little generosity on your part will go a very long way.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You may be reluctant to do too much for someone today as you fear they will become dependent on you, but you are too nice to turn them away. Just don't make promises you might be unable or unwilling to keep.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You can get a lot done with very little effort today, not least because others will be falling all over themselves to do you favours. Should you take advantage of their unexpected generosity? Of course — and quickly.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
There will be times today when you can hardly believe all the nice things certain people are saying about you. Not only should you believe them but you should encourage them to prove it. Let them pamper and praise you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Let partners and loved ones make the decisions today, especially if you're planning to be on the move. Let them come up with ideas — then you can decide whether or not you are interested.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You won't hesitate to help anyone who needs assistance today. However, think twice about giving away any of your hard-earned cash because it is likely to be wasted on things you won't approve of.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can have anything you want now, provided you give others what they want in return. Put your competitive instincts aside today and co-operate for the greater good — because it's good for you as well.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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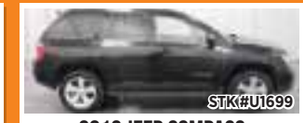

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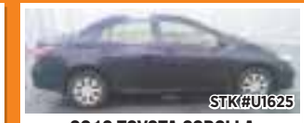

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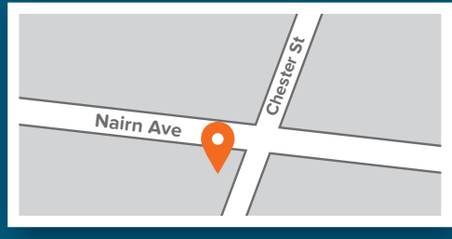

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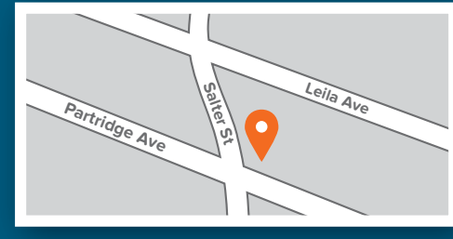

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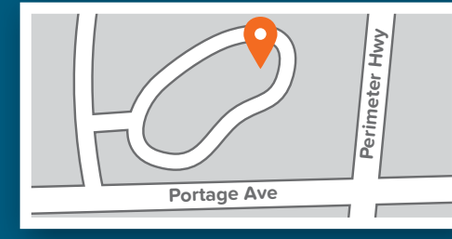

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